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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (109-12-201)
FROM: LEGAT, BUENOS AIRES (109-2)(109-103)(P)
**SUBJECT: FOREIGN POLITICAL MATTERS - ARGENTINA;
IS - ARGENTINA;**

**ARGENTINE TERRORISTS ACTIVITIES
FPM - ARGENTINA**

REFERENCE:

My airtel and LHM 3/11/75 under the above dual caption.

ENCLOSURES:

For the Bureau eight (8) copies of a letterhead memorandum (LHM) dated and captioned as above.

ADMINISTRATIVE:

The enclosed LHM is being submitted at this time at the specific request of Ambassador HILL.

The enclosed LHM discloses only the more serious terrorist activities, which have taken place since the submission of referenced LHM.

DISSEMINATION:

(U) Local dissemination has been made to the Ambassador, [redacted] Regional Security Officer and the Defense Attache's Office. Additionally, dissemination has been made to Secretary of State Henry Kissinger's Secret Service Detail.
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SOURCES:

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NON-SYMBOL SOURCE PAGE

Collective confidential sources abroad referred to in the enclosed LIM are identified as follows: ~~(S)~~ (U)

Dr. ARTURO HORACIO POIRE (BUE file 80-84)
Federal Police of Argentina (FPA)

Comisario Mayor JORGE CROVETTO (BUE file 80-87)
Chief of Operations, Department of Federal Security, FPA

Sub-Comisario CARLOS ALBERTO MONTENEGRO (BUE file 80-136)
Department of Intelligence, FPA Estado Mayor

Comisario Inspector OSVALDO J. DE BALDRICH (BUE file 80185)
Chief of Intelligence
Buenos Aires Provincial Police (BAPP)

Captain JUAN LUCERO (BUE file 80-173)
Argentine Army Intelligence Service (AAIS)

Colonel JUAN RIVAS
AAIS

General ALBERTO S. CACERES (BUE file 64-14)
Commander of the Argentine Army
Gendarmeria Nacional (Border Guards)

HENRY ACKERMAN (BUE file 80-163)
Associated Press Representative

Comisario FRANCISCO SPINOSA
Department of Federal Security, FPA (BUE file 80-188)

Colonel ALBERTO VALIN
Chief, AAIS (BUE file 80-205)

JOHN BARTHOLF, President
Union Carbide Corporation, Buenos Aires, Argentina

GORDON BOLING, Comptroller,
General Motors Corporation, Buenos Aires, Argentina

NORMAN INGREY, Retired Editor
"Buenos Aires Herald," Buenos Aires, Argentina
(BUE file 80-181)

HERBERT LESHINSKY, President,
Chrysler Corporation, Buenos Aires, Argentina

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VISIT OF SECRETARY OF STATE KISSINGER
TO ARGENTINA

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On 4/21/75, an official of the Argentine Army Intelligence Service (SIE) provided the following information: (S) (U)

The SIE intercepted a letter dated 3/13/75 from Peronist youth leader DARDO CABO to a female friend in Lima, Peru. The letter rambles on about the betrayal of the Peronist movement and notes that the Government is now in the hands of "Fascists" led by LOPEZ REGA. CABO informs his female friend that he has switched from the Peronist University Youth (JUP) to the Peronist Youth (JP), and that he is much happier in the latter organization and is working to form a new political front with former Buenos Aires Governor OSCAR BIDEGAIN as its leader. (S) (U)

With regard to the visit of Secretary KISSINGER to Argentina, DARDO CABO wrote as follows: (S) (U)

"Probablemente cuando venga KISSINGER a Argentina ese dia trataremos de armar un buen despelote." (Probably when KISSINGER comes to Argentina, we will try to set up a big disturbance on that day.) (S) (U)

On 4/20/75, a ranking official in the Federal Police of Argentina Department of Federal Security provided the following information: (S) (U)

During the week of 4/14/75, the Minister of the Interior directed an order to all police departments in Argentina, both Federal and Provincial, that all JP regional leaders should be closely watched and if possible detained legally or extra-legally, until after the visit of Secretary KISSINGER. Source advised that the detention of DARDO CABO and DANTE GULLO by the Buenos Aires Provincial Police was in keeping with the Minister of Interior's instructions. Source advised that the Buenos Aires Provincial Police have no positive information linking either of the aforementioned individuals to any plot against General PINOCHET during his recent conference with President PERON at the Moron Air Force Base. (S) (U)

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ON 4/25/75, AN OFFICIAL OF THE FEDERAL POLICE OF ARGENTINA
(FPA) ADVISED: ~~(S)~~ (U)

AT APPROXIMATELY 4:00 AM, 4/25/75, AN EXTREMELY POWERFUL
BOMB LOCATED IN A FORD FALCON STATION WAGON PARKED IN FRONT
OF A SIDE DOOR OF THE BRITISH EMBASSY RESIDENCE IN BUENOS
AIRES DETONATED.

THE BOMB KILLED AN FPA OFFICER STANDING APPROXIMATELY 30
YARDS FROM THE BLAST AND SEVERELY WOUNDED A NIGHT WATCHMAN IN
AN ADJ OINING BUILDING. A PARAGUAYAN MAID EMPLOYED BY THE
BRITISH AMBASSADOR SUFFERED RELATIVELY SEVERE WOUNDS ON HER
LEGS AND HEAD.

THE SHUTTERS AND WINDOW GLASS IN THE EMBASSY RESIDENCE
WERE DAMAGED AND NINE AUTOMOBILES PARKED IN A LINE ON EITHER
SIDE OF THE PARKED FORD FALCON STATION WAGON WERE SEVERELY

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DAMAGED. PORTIONS OF THESE NINE VEHICLES WERE BLOWN AS HIGH AS TEN STORIES IN THE AIR AND IMPACTED AGAINST ADJOINING BUILDINGS.

NO TERRORIST GROUP HAS TAKEN CREDIT FOR THIS ACT. THE BRITISH AMBASSADOR WAS NOT INJURED.

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ADMINISTRATIVE - SOURCE IS COMISARIO FRANCISCO SPINOSA, DEPARTMENT OF FEDERAL SECURITY, FPA. COORDINATED LOCALLY. ~~(S)~~ (U)
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APRIL 26, 1975, MEMBERS OF THE TROTSKYITE TERRORIST ORGANIZATION,
THE PEOPLES REVOLUTIONARY ARMY (ERP), WERE CONDUCTING A CASING
OPERATION AGAINST AN FPA COMISARIO, WHO RESIDES IN MUNRO,
BUENOS AIRES PROVINCE. FPA ADVISED THAT THE CASING OPERATION
WAS DETECTED AND IN THE ENSUING GUN BATTLE TWO FPA OFFICERS
WERE KILLED AS WELL AS THREE TERRORISTS. FPA ADVISED THAT
A SEARCH OF ONE OF THE VEHICLES UTILIZED IN THE CASING
OPERATION LOCATED A DETAILED PLAN CONCERNING ARRIVAL AND
DEPARTURE TIMES FROM THE RESIDENCE OF DR. ROBERT W. CHASE,
A VETERINARIAN ASSIGNED BY THE U. S. FOREIGN AGRICULTURAL
SERVICE TO ARGENTINA TO INSPECT MEAT PACKING PLANTS. FPA
ADVISED THAT FROM INFORMATION RECOVERED FROM THE VEHICLE
IT WAS OBVIOUS THAT DR. CHASE HAD BEEN UNDER SURVEILLANCE
IN CONNECTION WITH A PROJECTED KIDNAPPING OR ASSASSINATION (S) (U)

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BY THE ERP. FPA ADVISED THAT DURING INTERROGATION WITH A CAPTURED ERP MEMBER TAKEN AS A RESULT OF THE CASING OPERATION AGAINST THE FPA OFFICER, IT WAS REVEALED THAT DR. CHASE HAD BEEN IDENTIFIED BY THE ERP DURING HIS REGULAR CONTACTS AT THE VARIOUS MEAT PACKING COMPANIES IN ARGENTINA, WHICH ARE HEAVILY INFILTRATED BY ERP SYMPATHIZERS. DR. CHASE IS SCHEDULED TO DEPART ARGENTINA FOR URUGUAY ON 5/3/75. (~~S~~) (U)

THE FOREGOING INFORMATION HAS BEEN COORDINATED WITH THE EMBASSY IN BUENOS AIRES AND IS SUBMITTED ONLY FOR THE INFORMATION OF THE BUREAU AND LEGAT, BRASILIA. NO ADDITIONAL DISSEMINATION OF THIS INFORMATION IS REQUIRED.

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FROM : ^{RWS} LEGAT ROBERT W. SCHERRER

SUBJECT: ARGENTINE TERRORIST ACTIVITIES

On 5/3/75, I contacted Comisario General DEGASTALDI, Deputy Chief, Buenos Aires Provincial Police (BAPP), and Comisario Inspector OSVALDO DE BALDRICH, at the request of RSO GEORGE BECKETT, in order to ascertain whether the BAPP had recovered any information indicating that CPO STAMER of the Defense Attache's Office had been targeted for kidnapping by the ERP.

It should be noted that STAMER's guard on his residence, who is an employee of the Brown Security Agency, was informed by a neighbor, identified only as Mr. DURAN, who resides at Anchorena 502, La Lucila, that the latter had been advised by two BAPP officers named ROSSI and OJEDA, whom DURAN employs at his factory in Vicente Lopez, as security guards; that papers were recovered from the bodies or body of terrorists killed in a shootout on 4/26/75 in Munro, while apparently conducting a casing operation against a Sub-Comisario of the Federal Police of Argentina.

According to information provided by DURAN, which he obtained from ROSSI and OJEDA, among the papers recovered was a notation that a member of the "Yanqui" military mission resided at the corner of Anchorena and Castellano and apparently had been under observation for some terrorist act. The BAPP, 1st Precinct, in Vicente Lopez conducted initial investigation into the attempted assassination of the FPA Sub-Comisario, but once it had been established that this was a Federal crime, all evidence and information developed during the preliminary BAPP investigation was turned over to the FPA.

BECKETT advised that inquiry at the First Precinct of the BAPP and the FPA failed to develop any information indicating that STAMER's identity or residence had been listed among documents recovered at the scene of the shootout on 4/26/75.

BECKETT requested that I contact the BAPP Deputy Chief ^{of Chief} of Intelligence, in order to attempt to verify this information. When ~~we~~ contacted, Deputy Chief DEGASTALDI and Chief of Intelligence DE BALDRICH, both appeared amazed that any information regarding the American Embassy or its personnel had been recovered after the 4/26/75 shootout. They promised to immediately conduct approp-



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riate inquiries and advise me as soon as any results had been obtained.

Deputy Chief DEGAS^{TALDI} advised that the BAPP recently uncovered information linking a Police Comisario with the surname "ESTELIA" to the Montonero guerrilla organization. DEGAS^{TALDI} noted that ESTELIA's name had been picked up among various documents in a Montonero command house located in Buenos Aires Province. DEGAS^{TALDI} noted that the BAPP had tentatively identified Comisario ESTELIA as a retired FPA Comisario, who was in charge of security guards service program at the U. S. Embassy. DEGAS^{TALDI} noted that Comisario ESTELIA, who is employed by the Embassy has two other brothers, who also have the rank of Comisario, one of whom is employed by the BAPP and the other is^{also} a retired FPA Comisario. DEGAS^{TALDI} requested that the foregoing information be maintained on a confidential basis until it could definitely be established which of the ESTELIA brothers is the Montonero collaborator.

During the evening of 5/3/75, I passed on the above information regarding Comisario ESTELIA to RSO GEORGE BECKETT, who agreed not to take any action or disclose the information to any other individual until DEGAS^{TALDI} was able to positively establish the identity of the Montonero collaborator.

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